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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed 13 May 2003, please amend the above patent application in the following manner.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 3, amend the paragraph beginning at line 9 as follows:

In Gigabit Ethernet over twisted pair Category-5 cabling, for example, PAM-5 data can be transmitted over four twisted copper pairs pair at an individual twisted pair baud rate of 125 Mbaud. In PAM-5, data is sent with 5 voltage levels, designated as symbol alphabet $\{A\} = \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2\}$ although the actual voltage levels may be different from those. Each symbol, therefore, can be used to code more than one bit of data.

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